

CELEBRATING THE PRECIOUS MOMENTS WE SHARE

NEWSLETTER



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JUNE

**Summer fun
& reading
at break
times!**

DEAR PARENTS

Welcome to this final newsletter of 2022-23. We hope you enjoy it; I'm sure you agree it shows a range of all of wonderful opportunities and events happening within St. Joseph's including our Parish and our community. The summer weather has been delightful to enjoy in school recently. It allows us to use our amazing grounds. Thank you for sending your child in with a cap and suntan cream. It has been a successful year in school, as Ofsted recognised and complimented in so many areas. I would like to thank all of you for your continued support which enables us to provide the education we want to provide. Over the next few weeks, we have many special events to look forward to, including Sports Day and our Leaver's Assembly and Mass. We are also welcoming our new children and their families who will start with us in September. There are also some fundraising events which are vital to support, as they allow us to fund areas of school life we cannot fund presently with tight budgets. We hope you can join us.

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MINNIE VINNIES

This summer term our Mini Vinnies have attended a special mass at Leeds Cathedral to present the Bishop with the money raised for the Good Shepherd appeal.

CAFOD visited school and we presented them with a cheque after the whole school listened to an assembly on Catholic Social Teaching. Pupils in Upper KS2 then had the opportunity to explore this concept further with lessons surrounding the topic.

Mini Vinnies have continued to support Key stage and class collective worship. They have planned a week of opportunity for the school to be able to meditate with the Rosary in the month of May and helped to lay a display table dedicated to Our Lady.

The Mini Vinnies also supported the SVP with the Mass for the Sick and served refreshments to the congregation afterwards. They have also attended mass to support with a collection for the SVP in our parish.



FATHER KEVIN FIRTH

Father Kevin Firth - It is with regret that we write to advise that Father Kevin is to retire this summer as Parish Priest at St Joseph's (with St Patrick's, Earby), Barnoldswick and as a valued member of the school's Governing Body, as RE Governor. Father Kevin will have celebrated 46 years in the priesthood having been ordained at St William's in Bradford in July 1977 and then went on to serve parishes across Yorkshire and Aberdeenshire before returning to Yorkshire until arriving in St Joseph's with St Patrick's in 2015.

The whole school, like the parish, will miss his spiritual guidance, dedication and patience as well as his caring nature, allied to a great sense of humour that helps makes him and the good news of a living God so relatable. Father Kevin will be leaving the parish on 30 August and will be replaced by the new parish priest, Father Phillip Hall.

We are sure that you will join with us in thanking Father Kevin for all he has done for our school, wish him a long and happy retirement. We look forward to him visiting us in the future.

— HAPPY —
Retirement

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SHAKESPEARE

Class 4 and 5 have continued to work with the Coram Shakespeare Company. The children have experienced 6 workshops, which have prepared them in some acting techniques and awareness of audience as well as the language of Shakespeare.

The children are working towards a final summer performance on a professional stage. Their choice of play - A Mid Summer's Night Dream. This will be performed alongside other schools and all families are invited to attend. Year 4 pupils will work with a local artist to develop props and costumes. Our pupils are growing in confidence, ambition and team working skills.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Class 4 have enjoyed their DT project this term and have learned to use equipment safely whilst building their own moving toys using cams and followers. They have also explored art as 2 and 3d shapes and learned about our digestive system in science.



BAG PACKING EVENT

In April a group of children represented St. Joseph's at a fundraising event. We went bag packing in Skipton Morrisons and raised over £400. The children were a credit to school and their families. The customers made comments about their manners and wonderful example. They made a lot of people smile! The money raised goes towards our ongoing refurb of our school library and promotion of reading for pleasure!



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THE KING'S CORONATION

The children really enjoyed a special school dinner to mark the upcoming King's Coronation. Mrs Warrington and her kitchen team made some delicious cakes to savour! Whilst eating, the children watched the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth. Class 1 made crowns to wear to lunch. In class, children looked at royal items and explored the Coronation events.



Class 2, have been focusing on 'The Park' for their geography fieldwork. They started by thinking about the activities that take place in the park and what they would like the park to be like. They then visited the park to identify its different features of it and thought about how we would make it better. They made some great videos to record ideas! Back in school, they made a big map and wrote letters to tell other people how they want to make the park better.



PARK PROJEECT

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BARLICK IN BLOOM

We are participating with Barlick in Bloom once again to create some lovely planters that will be on display later in the summer in Barnoldswick.



LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT

Our library refurb in action! Further chairs and items to come with future fund raising.



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WINMARLEIGH

Winmarleigh - the children tackled their fears and developed resilience, confidence and teamwork in our recent residential. A mix of Year 4 to Year 6 children visited Winmarleigh Hall for 3 days in Summer term. The children had the chance to have a go at High Ropes, Zip Wire, Climbing, Buggy Building, Raft Building and the big challenge of staying away from home!

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**FUN AT
BREAKFAST AND
AFTER SCHOOL
CLUB!**



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TAEKWONDO

Class 3 and KS2 children have been taking part in a 6 week Taekwondo course. They have been learning some basic moves and sequences, progressing to partner work using the pads to practise punches and kicks. Both classes have really enjoyed these sessions and we've spotted some natural talent. Possibly we've got some future Martial Arts black belts among them!



SPORTS ROUND-UP

In recent weeks we have taken part in a few events and have had a number of visiting coaches delivering specialist sports to our children.

Girl's netball have had a couple of fixtures. The confidence of the girls netball team is growing as they play more competitive fixtures!

We have enjoyed on site coaching by cricket coach, gymnastics coach, rugby coach, and an outdoor session of dance/fight moves to music - thoroughly enjoyed by the children with heart beats raised shown by rosy, smiling faces! We also enjoyed Taekwondo sessions for key stage 2 children.

Class 5 entered a virtual gymnastics competition following a number of coaching sessions. They received gold medals for vault and group balance and a silver medal for floor work.

A large group of enthusiastic runners took part in a cross-country event at Holt House Colne. This well attended and organised events saw runners from many schools taking parts.

A team of 11 children played and won the rugby tournament that concluded the coaching sessions that had taken part at school.

Following the successful loan of table tennis equipment and our subsequent purchase of our own equipment a group of 4 children went along to an inter-event.

A team of 8 swimmers took part in a swimming gala against 11 other schools. A marathon evening!



SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Schools governing bodies work together with the headteacher, the local authority and for our school, the bishop, to plan the strategic direction of the school, help oversee spending and support the headteacher, while acting as a critical friend. School governors are local volunteers, aged 18 or over, who play a vital role in helping the school give our children the best possible academic, physical, spiritual, moral and social development. In our school, we have:

- Local Authority (Lancashire County Council) Governors - appointed or nominated by the local authority;
- Parent Governors - including carers, of school pupils - elected by other parents if multiple candidates;
- Staff Governors - teaching or support staff employed at the school and elected by their colleagues; and
- Foundation Governors - appointed by the Bishop of Leeds, the Right Reverend Marcus Stock, to work with the headteacher and other governors to develop the quality of education, as well as preserving and developing St Joseph's Catholic character as a school).

You don't need any formal qualifications to be a governor, you'll get full training and support, to make sure you are fully equipped to carry out the role successfully. What you need is:

- A willingness to bring in your experience or skills to put something into your local community and help make a positive difference to the education of our children;
- An ability to represent the school community, get on with other people and work as part of a team;
- Are ready to learn and be open to new ideas; and
- Have some time to spare to attend meetings and to read necessary papers.

Key to the work of School Governors work, in the best interest of your children, is the interaction with school, family, home and Church.

Stop Press: St Joseph's are pleased to announce the appointment of:

- Judith Southern and Bernard Swarbrick as Foundation Governors;
- Lorene Haas Pieters as a Local Authority Governor; and
- Chris Holt as a Parent Governor.

DIARY DATES

22 & 23 June

Yr 6 Transition to Fisher More

22 June

Y6 transition to West Craven

24th June

Confirmation programme starts 4pm in community centre

26th June

Class 3 visit St Philips school Nelson for twinning

28th June

Year 2&3 trip day

29th June

Feast of St Peter and Paul. All welcome to join us at Mass in church at 10am

29th June

1.15pm Sports Day (weather permitting)

30th June

Reports coming home

Week Beginning 3rd July

Sponsored events in classes taking place

3rd July

Y6 Bowling

6th July

End of year school Mass in church at 2pm

10th July

Y4-6 trip day

11th July

Science fair

12th July

Leaver's assembly

13th July

Year 5&6 summer production at South Craven high school

14th July

School closes at 1.30pm



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